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By endorsing the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, the Supreme Court has once more brazenly exposed itself as a coercive apparatus of the reactionary state and as a lapdog of the U.S.-Marcos clique. This supreme court of injustice is nothing but a clutch of comprador bureaucrats, landlords and big lawyers of the most exploitative and oppressive interests.

To uphold the autocratic and medieval principle that only King Marcos is capable of knowing and evaluating the facts concerning the entire nation is to trample upon the democratic principle of people's sovereignty and sanctify the depredations of a fascist rule. The people's democratic rights can never be subordinate to the presidential authority of the general representative of U.S. imperialism, domestic feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism.

The U.S.-Marcos appointees and stooges in the Supreme Court pretend to assume no responsibility for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus under the old bourgeois democratic principle of "separate powers" but ~~they~~ ^{they} have in fact conspired with the fascist gangsters of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in peddling the fantastic concoction that there is the so-called July-August Plan.

The people know that it is the U.S.-Marcos clique which has master-minded and perpetrated the Plaza Miranda massacre in order to justify the suppression of all kinds of opposition and whip up an anti-communist hysteria. They know that it is this bloodthirsty clique in power which has perpetrated massacres, kidnappings, assassinations and arson against them in both urban centers and rural areas.

The most dangerous implication of the Supreme Court decision endorsing the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus and approving the baseless fabrication of the U.S.-Marcos clique is that it has not only blessed all previous fascist crimes but has also provided further license to the fascist gangsters to perpetrate more heinous crimes against the people and suppress mere democratic protest.

It is a narrow-minded calculation of the Supreme Court that its own fascist decision will instill fear of the U.S.-Marcos clique among the people. On the contrary, such a decision has only convinced the people that there is no way out of the present system but armed revolution. Even as this decision promotes unbridled white terror and paves the way for the formal declaration of martial law, it merely fans the flames of the armed revolution now raging in the countryside and throughout the archipelago. All those who oppose the die-hard reactionary policies of the U.S.-Marcos clique have found no sense in being engaged in political struggle without arms.

It is completely just for all those who oppose the fascist rule of the U.S.-Marcos clique to take up arms. At the same time, peaceful campaigns of protest should be waged to test the limits of reactionary laws and convince those who vacillate of the justness and correctness of resolute people's war. In both armed and peaceful struggles, the united front policy should be carried out in order to arouse and mobilize the people in their millions, isolate the enemy die-hards and destroy them.

Everytime that the U.S. puppet chieftain Marcos and his henchmen attack Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and threaten to "dismantle" the apparatus of the Communist Party of the Philippines, all revolutionaries find most profound support in the following statement of Chairman Mao: "It is good if we are attacked by the enemy, since it proves that we have drawn a clear line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves. It is

still better if the enemy attacks us wildly and paints us as utterly black and without a single virtue; it demonstrates that we have not only drawn a clear line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves but achieved a great deal in our work."

Long live the Communist Party of the Philippines!

Long live all national democratic forces!

Down with the U.S.-Marcos clique!

Long live people's war!

Down with all coercive apparatuses of the state!

Long live the united front of communist and non-communist patriots!

Fear neither hardship nor death!

The people shall surely win!

COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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"SECURITY CENTERS" IN LANAO AND COTABATO

The announced plan of the U.S.-Marcos clique to set up "security centers" in Lanao and Cotabato is nothing but a scheme to further arm its local political hatchetmen and make further use of the reactionary armed forces against the poor peasants and whip up communal war between Muslim groups and non-Muslim groups against their own democratic interests.

These "security centers" are nothing but a revival of the "reconcentration camps" put up by the U.S. imperialists against the indigenous people of Mindanao at the turn of the century and an extension of the notorious "Barrio Self-Defense Units" now viciously employed in Luzon, especially in Central and Northern Luzon. They are also no different from the notorious "strategic hamlets" in South Vietnam.

In order to prevent the U.S.-Marcos clique from manipulating Muslim groups and Christian groups against each other, all revolutionary forces and elements should work in concert with cadres of the Communist Party of the Philippines to turn the tide of armed struggle against the big landlords and big landgrabbers who have created the conditions of fratricidal strife, who have distributed arms to their henchmen for trouble-making and who have colluded with the reactionary government to keep the poor peasants of various cultural groupings downtrodden.

A just peace can be guaranteed in Lanao and Cotabato only with the poor peasants uniting to wipe out landlordism, distributing lands fairly among themselves, respecting each other's culture and religious belief, and coordinating to ward off the reactionary armed forces which are actually out to protect imperialist and landlord interests even at the cost of genocide.

Since arms now relatively abound in Lanao and Cotabato, the people must exert all efforts to seize and use these for revolutionary purposes. Anyone who acts as a puppet of the Manila government and its armed forces must be struck down.

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ON THE INDIAN WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST PAKISTAN

The Indian reactionaries are waging an aggressive war of expansion against Pakistan. In the first place, they have never hidden their intentions and belligerent actions to occupy East Pakistan and to set up there the so-called Bangla Desh.

It is an act of brigandage for any state to invade the territory of another state and try to set up there what cannot be but a puppet state. In its very origination, the so-called Bangla Desh is nothing but a foreign-controlled traitor movement to seize East Pakistan for India. The reactionary and anti-communist Awami League has never received any mandate from the Pakistani people to separate East Pakistan from Pakistan and launch a chauvinist campaign of murder, arson and looting.

While there are those who can only see that Pakistan is under military rule, they fail to see that India cannot become any more democratic by interfering in the internal affairs of another country. The oppression and exploitation of the Indian people is terrible but only the Indian people can make their own revolution and liberate themselves. Along the same line, it is absolutely impermissible for the Indian reactionaries to take up the pretext of putting up a reactionary and anti-communist movement like Bangla Desh in invading Pakistan.

To be in good standing, all countries must abide by the Five Principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression and non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit and peaceful co-existence and oppose imperialist and expansionist aggression and interference.

The Indian reactionaries are incorrigible aggressors. Only a few years ago, they launched a full-scale war on Pakistan. Today, they are again at their old game. They have seized Kashmir from Pakistan and have tried to steal territory from China by armed force even beyond the McMahon line of British imperialism.

They are truculently on the path of wanton aggression against world opinion and against the overwhelming vote in the United Nations calling for a ceasefire and mutual withdrawal of the armed forces of the belligerents in the India-Pakistan war.

The Soviet social-imperialists are consistent with their own reactionary and aggressive nature in supporting the Indian invasion of Pakistan territory. While pretending to vote in the United Nations in favor of the ceasefire resolution, the United States secretly supports the Indian reactionaries in their military adventure. The U.S. press and the Soviet press are also clearly one in supporting the Indian war of aggression.

In Pakistan, the people have now an unprecedented occasion to arm themselves against the aggressors and fight for national sovereignty and democracy. Likewise, in India, the Indian people can advance their own revolution by fighting the reactionaries under circumstances that a policy of aggressive war aggravates the internal political and economic crisis.

To the people of Southeast Asia, it is clear that the SEATO and all other treaty alliances masterminded by U.S. imperialism are nothing but imperialist instruments. Though a SEATO member, Pakistan cannot rely on it in the face of Indian aggression supported by Soviet social-imperialism and U.S. imperialism.

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Two Background Articles on the East Pakistan Question

SOME LIGHT ON EVENTS IN EAST PAKISTAN

Revisionists, Trotskyites and counter-revolutionaries of all shapes and sizes have seized on China's support for the government and people of Pakistan to utter new howls of hatred and slander against China.

It is significant that despite their declarations of opposition to each other, the Trotskyites and revisionists of all brands sing in tune in the anti-China chorus.

In launching their attack the enemies of socialist China have taken advantage of the fact that there has been very little first hand information on the situation in Pakistan and they base their judgements wholly on the spate of press reports that originated in India.

However, despite the early lack of information, certain things are now quite clear:

*There was violence and bloodshed in East Pakistan which resulted in considerable loss of life.

*The root cause of the strife was a move led by the Awami League to achieve the secession of East Pakistan from Pakistan.

*The Government and people of China are supporting the government and people of Pakistan.

It is this last fact that has caused the counter-revolutionary camp followers throughout the world to froth with fury.

Why has China taken this stand?

Let us look at the situation more closely.

Pakistan is a country with a multitude of problems arising from feudal, capitalist and imperialist exploitation. It is not a "democracy" but is under military rule. Yet in neighboring India, where "democracy" reigns, the plight of the people is, if anything, even worse.

Moreover, the Indian ruling class, who themselves exploit and oppress their own people, act as servile agents of the U.S., British and Russian imperialists, giving them every assistance to squeeze the last drop of wealth out of India and the Indian people.

At the same time, the Indian rulers, with the full support of their masters, adopt an aggressive and expansionist policy towards their neighbors. They have seized Kashmir, they tried to steal territory from China by armed force and only a few years ago they launched a full scale war on Pakistan, about whose inhabitants they now express such deep concern.

The government of Pakistan, on the other hand, has waged a persistent fight to preserve the national sovereignty of Pakistan. In so doing it has made a stand against the world camp of imperialism, led by U.S. imperialism, and has fostered friendly relations with socialist China.

How does all this affect the current situation in Pakistan?

Firstly, it is clear that the only final solution to the problems of the people of Pakistan (and India) will be armed revolution by the workers and peasants and the establishment of a socialist state. Such a struggle will command the support of all revolutionaries throughout the world.

It is also clear that the present struggle in Pakistan is not an armed uprising by the workers and peasants. As has already been said, it was a move by the Awami League, an anti-communist nationalist organization, which has as its objective secession from Pakistan. That attempt had the full and enthusiastic support of India which has long sought to annex Pakistan's territory. The secessionists also had the declared support of the U.S. and Russian imperialists.

Why would the rulers of the United States and Russia support the secessionists in East Pakistan?

The rulers of Russia brutally invaded Czechoslovakia and suppressed the Czech people. They have freely given arms to more than one reactionary government to crush armed revolution and they have recently signed an agreement with the Indonesian fascist butchers to restore their navy and air force so that they may continue their suppression of the Indonesian people.

As is well-known, the rulers of the United States are engaged in suppression of revolutionary struggles by the people all over the world while in Indochina the U.S. imperialists are committing every atrocity known to science.

WHAT THE ENEMY SUPPORTS WE OPPOSE

Is it possible that in regard to East Pakistan the U.S. and Russian imperialists have ceased to be imperialists and are genuinely supporting an armed revolution by the people?

Conversely, is it reasonable to assume that China, which leads the world revolutionary camp, which lost half a million of its sons in the fight against U.S. aggression in Korea, which gives everything asked of it to the Vietnamese people, has changed its nature in the case of East Pakistan and is there supporting the suppression of a people's revolution?

The questions provide their own answer.

Now let us look at what little information is available to get the truth of the situation.

In a letter to Russian President Podgorny, Pakistan President Yahya Khan stated: "... The Awami League leaders had no mandate from the people of Pakistan to dismember the country, and yet they encouraged anti-national elements, materially supported by an actively hostile neighbor to destroy the unity of Pakistan. In a situation in which law and order were being steadily eroded, innocent citizens were being terrorized and large-scale arson, loot and murder had become the order of the day, there remained no alternative but to meet the situation . . ."

President Yahya Khan also stated that the Indian army had six divisions deployed not too far from the borders of East Pakistan. Those forces included artillery regiments and a parachute brigade.

These statements by President Yahya Khan receive some support in an eye-witness report from Mort Rosenblum of Associated Press.

While Rosenblum writes of massive killing by the Pakistan Army he also reports mass killings by the East Bengalis and says that the Bengalis began the killings before the army acted.

Following are a few short extracts from the long report by Rosenblum: "... Throughout Dacca, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Bengali-dominated Awami League harassed the military government with a non-cooperation campaign to push for autonomy and more benefits from West Pakistan".

"Bengalis killed some West Pakistanis in flurries of chauvinism."

"Official spokesmen explained they moved to stop a rebellion timed for 3 a.m. the next morning and insisted no one was killed unless he fired at the army."

"... Word flashed through the province of 58,000 square miles and 75 million inhabitants and thousands of Bengali troops in the army, police, militia and border forces revolted." (No mention of workers and peasants --VC, Ed.)

"Under the banner of the independent Bangla Dosh (Bengal State), eastern deserters and armed volunteers fought back, seizing wide areas of the provinces which the 11,000 West Pakistan regulars did not occupy."

"And with mysterious coincidence, Bengali civilians and 'liberation troops' began mass slaughter of Mohajira--Indian migrants before the 1947 partition--and West Pakistanis."

"In many places elaborate human slaughterhouses were devised."

"One example of the pattern was Jessore, the vital rail and road center 24 miles from the Indian border north of Calcutta, frequently visited by correspondents until it fell to the West in early April."

"Bengali civilians chopped to death West Pakistanis and Mohajirs in Jessore, looting their businesses and burning their homes, while the army stayed safely in its barracks at the airport."

"In the first week of April, when the army turned its attention to Jessore town itself, occupation was swift."

"As the army regained control across East Pakistan, embittered non-Bengalis took their own revenge, adding more deaths to the toll."

--From The Vanguard, June 3, 1971

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